

# News of Petersburg

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Petersburg, Va., March 3.

In the arrest last evening of Joseph Ryan, who says his home is in Washington, and that he is a paperhanger by trade, the police believe they have in custody one of the leaders of the gang of car robbers, which has long been operating along the line of the Norfolk and Western Railway, shoes being the main object of their operations. As stated in The Times-Dispatch this morning, the chief of police was notified yesterday that a large box of shoes was lying on the side of the Norfolk and Western Railway, just outside of the city, in Prince George County. The chief promptly dispatched a bicycle officer on his wheel and Detective Heelan and Shughlin in an automobile to the scene to make investigation. They found the box of shoes, and in hunting through the woods nearby, they found scattered about a large quantity of paper, which had evidently been unpacked from the shoes. They also found the debris of a fire, at which wooden shoe boxes had been burned, and in their further search, they also found and placed under arrest Joseph Ryan, on suspicion of being the man who had thrown the box of shoes from a freight train. He denies the charge, saying he was coming to Petersburg in search of work, but he is held, pending further thorough investigation by the police.

Information received from Crewe confirms the fact that a westbound freight car on the Norfolk and Western Railway had been opened and robbed on Saturday night, but to what extent cannot yet be stated. At the December term of the Circuit Court of Dinwiddie County two white men, J. R. Johnson and Mills, of this city, were convicted of car breaking and robbing, and were sent to the penitentiary. They both confessed to the crime, and in doing so implicated Joseph Ryan, the man now under arrest, as connected with the robbery, giving a full description of him. This description fits Ryan, who is also identified by certain marks about his person.

Railway detectives and police have been on the search for Ryan for many months. He is known to them as the man who sold stolen shoes all through the southside counties, even to employees of the railway from which the goods were stolen.

**COUNCIL MEETING TO-NIGHT.**

Appropriation of \$100,000 for New Schools Will Be Recommended.

The Council meeting to-morrow night will be of interest. The Finance Committee will recommend an appropriation of \$100,000 for the erection of new school buildings for colored children, to take the place of the Peabody and Jones Street Schools. The matter will be referred without action back to the committee to report an ordinance providing for the appropriation. The committee will also recommend an appropriation of \$15,000 for the building of a new almshouse, as provided for in the new bond issue.

The Public Improvement Committee will probably make a report recommending an appropriation of \$30,000 for building an armory for the Petersburg military, with suggestions as to the proposed site.

The Committee on Water Supply will probably make report with recommendations. The committee has received propositions from the Virginia Railway and Power Company as to the cost of water from the river, and of the power to pump it, and also suggestions from Mayor Cameron, embracing a counter proposition by the city.

The committee on the River Street Improvement will probably make report on the proposed raising of the grade of that street.

**Organ Recital To-Night.**  
Benjamin J. Potter, organist of Monumental Church, Richmond, will give an organ recital in Tabb Street Presbyterian Church to-morrow evening. The vocal selection on the occasion will be rendered by Mrs. Charles E. Plummer, Miss Virginia Taylor and Miss Nellie Powers, and an evening of delightful music is expected.

## NEWS OF SOUTH RICHMOND

### FINISHING NEW YARDS

Atlantic Coast Line Almost Ready to Abandon Clifton Yards.

Clifton, the present Richmond yard limit of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, will within a few weeks be supplanted by the new Fallow Creek yards. Two large erecting plants are being installed at the latter point. They will govern the tracks by electricity. One of the offices will be equipped with forty and the other with thirty bays.

The decision of the railway to abandon the Clifton yards was made several years ago, when the right of way for a connecting link between the main line and the bridge over the James River, south of Forest Hill, was secured.

Among the new buildings to be erected on the Southside is a two-story



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### NEW BONDS NEARLY READY.

Finance Committee Gets Many Inquiries.

The new bonds of the city, to the amount of \$300,000, authorized by the Council for public improvements, are now being printed, and will soon be ready for delivery. They will be put on sale on March 20, due announcement of which will be made by the Finance Committee. Under the provisions of the ordinance they will not be sold at less than par. From the number of inquiries made about them from financial and investment centers, they are likely to command a good premium. The Finance Committee has not only received a great many letters of inquiry from probable investors, but in a number of instances representatives of financial firms and corporations have been sent to the city to make personal inquiries.

### MAJOR WALTER PANNILL DEAD.

Former Citizen of Petersburg Passes Away at St. Louis.

Information has been received of the death at his home in St. Louis on February 24 of Major Walter Pannill, a native and until 1871 a citizen of Petersburg. He was the son of the late William Pannill, was seventy-six years of age, and was a member of the Petersburg of the war in 1861 he enlisted in the Twelfth Virginia Regiment, Mahone's Brigade. After a service of two years he was transferred to the secret service, in which he rendered valuable aid. Near the close of the war he was arrested as a Confederate spy in Washington, court-martialed and sentenced to death. The war ended before the execution of the sentence, and one of the last acts of President Lincoln was the signing of his pardon. Major Pannill was promoted to the position of major because of gallantry on the field. He is survived by several children.

### SAME OLD SWINDLE.

Merchant Receives Letter From St. Petersburg Banker.

William C. Hargrave, a merchant of this city, received this afternoon a letter from the St. Petersburg banker under arrest and in prison in Madrid, appealing for aid in saving the fortune of his "beautiful daughter." The banker represents that he has \$100,000 in America, which can only be obtained by raising the seizure of his baggage, which can only be done by paying the court expenses of his trial, and by the recovery of his portfolio, containing a "secret pocket" of \$100,000. The banker also promises to recover the \$100,000. Mr. Hargrave is directed to reply by cable, not by letter, and he is promised \$100,000 for his aid in behalf of the "beautiful daughter." He declines to bite at the old swindle. Every now and then letters of this kind from the "imprisoned banker" come addressed to Petersburg citizens, in whose honesty the "banker" can trust.

### Personal and General.

Philip Roper and his sister, Miss Mary Paul Roper, have returned to the city, after a delightful visit of two weeks to Bermuda.

J. W. Brown, a well-known upholsterer, is critically ill in his home in Harrison Street.

A large number of Petersburg people will be in Washington to attend the inauguration ceremonies.

B. C. Trout, of near Pittsburgh, Pa., has purchased through Pyle & Co. of this city a fine farm in Chesterfield County, and will take possession as soon as the present tenant's time expires.

Richard Davenport, colored, of Newberry, S. C., is in the city in search of members of his mother's family. His mother was sold into slavery sixty-eight years ago, and she had two sisters, Rachel and Jettie, who may have left descendants.

In the Hastings Court to-day, Judge Mullen heard the cause of G. T. Craile vs. Craddock & Jones, a suit brought by the plaintiff to recover \$100, the proceeds of sale by a tenant of tobacco claimed as rent by the plaintiff. Decision was reserved.

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dwelling on Fifteenth Street, between Semmes and McDonough. A permit to build has been issued to Allan N. Pettigrew. The structure will be of brick, and will cost \$2,700.

M. C. Robinson yesterday afternoon, in Hastings Court, Part II, qualified as registrar of elections for the Fourth District of Madison Ward. He succeeds H. A. Gill, who has moved out of the precinct. His office will be located at 109 Hull Street.

By a deed of bargain and sale, executed yesterday for registration in Hastings Court, Part II, C. R. Wood, Jr., transferred to Jones & Clements, thirty feet of property, fronting on the east line of Tenth Street, between Stockton and Everett, for \$10 and other valuable considerations.

John Dennis, colored, was convicted yesterday in Hastings Court, Part II, of larceny and sentenced by Judge Ernest H. Wells to serve sixty days on the public highways. He appealed from a decision of Justice Maurice, before whom he was convicted in Police Court, Part II, of stealing a jug of whiskey from a patron at Onesty's saloon.

### Hear Light Docket.

An unusually light docket was heard yesterday morning before Justice H. A. Maurice in Police Court, Part II. Two drunks, Charles White and John Dunn, both colored, were fined \$2.50 and costs. John Donald, colored, charged with reckless driving, was granted a continuance until Saturday morning.

James Perry, colored, charged with threatening Sam McKnight, was dismissed.

John Butler the young Southsider arrested Saturday on a charge of larceny from the police of Norfolk, has been taken to that city to stand trial. Butler is accused of stealing a watch and fob from T. W. Downey, with whom he boarded.

### Pastor to Wed.

Announcement has been made by Bishop and Mrs. Collins Denny of the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Edith Ellen, to Rev. Roscoe Marvin White, pastor of Decatur Street Methodist Church. The event will be celebrated early in April. Mr. White was recently transferred to the Southside by action of the Virginia Conference. He succeeded Rev. G. T. Forrester and has gained a large number of friends during his brief pastorate.

### To Lecture at Church.

A lecture on work among the immigrants will be delivered Friday night at 8 o'clock in the lecture room of Fairbridge Street Baptist Church. The lecturer will be Miss Edith Ellen, who has spent several years doing charity work, has been invited to make the address under the auspices of the Foreign Missionary Society of the church.

### Raise Funds for Library.

An oyster supper and musical entertainment will be given Thursday night at Central Baptist Church, Chesterfield County, by scholars of the Rock School to aid in their efforts to secure a library.

### Funeral of Infant.

Funeral services over Robert, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Ellis, were held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home of his parents, 1504 Maury Street. The child died Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Burial was in Maury Cemetery.

### A. B. Clay Dies Suddenly.

A. B. Clay, sixty-six years old, died yesterday morning at 9 o'clock at his home near Wintergreen, Chesterfield County. Death resulted from heart trouble, of which he had suffered for some time. He is survived by three sons and three daughters. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock from Tomahawk Church.

### Personal Mention.

Mrs. Frank L. Lutz returned yesterday from Philadelphia, where she had called last week by the death of her niece.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleopatra Rowe will leave this morning for Washington to attend the inauguration.

Miss Maggie Elliott, of Crewe, has returned home, after a short visit to her sister, Mrs. Paul E. Tunstall.

Miss M. A. Ellington, of 1200 Bainbridge Street, who has been very ill, is somewhat improved.

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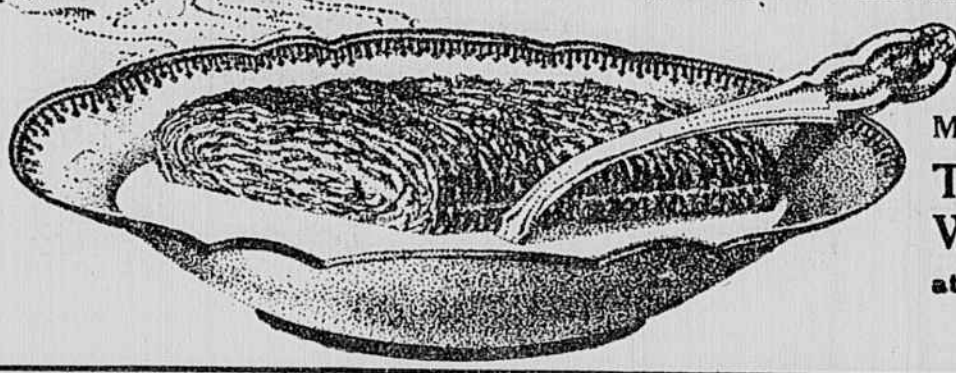
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## Short News Stories From All Over Virginia

### TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

Rev. and Mrs. John Lee Allison Entertain at Presbyterian Manse.

Alexandria, Va., March 3.—Rev. and Mrs. John Lee Allison observed the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage by tendering a reception from 2 to 7 o'clock Saturday afternoon to the members of the Second Presbyterian Church congregation. The manse was artistically decorated with cut flowers, palms and white carnations, the color scheme, green and white being carried out both in the parlor and dining-room.

The guests, being received by Master Herbert O'Meara, were presented to Dr. and Mrs. Allison by Miss Laura Allison, and were then ushered into the dining-room by Misses Martha and Lillian Allison, where they were served with green and white ices, cakes and bonbons by Misses Mary Glenn, Marion Kennedy, Marion Negley, Blanche Stanbury, Margaret Howard, Daisy Howell and Florence Schneider, of Washington.

Dr. and Mrs. Allison were the recipients of many gifts, notably a case of silver, consisting of spoons, knives and forks, from the congregation and friends.

Dr. Kennedy made the presentation speech.

### SCHOONER IS TOTAL LOSS.

Crew of the Sherman Carried off by Life-Savers.

Norfolk, Va., March 3.—The three-masted schooner Zacheus Sherman, which went ashore night before last on Gull Shoals, near the dangerous Hatteras coast, was proven a total loss, along with her cargo of lumber, which she was carrying from Port Royal, S. C., to New York. The crew of the Sherman, who were finally saved by life-savers by use of the breeches buoy,

### NEW APARTMENT HOUSE.

Contract Has Been Let for Modern \$50,000 Building at Lynchburg.

Lynchburg, Va., March 3.—Drs. Terrell and Lyle on Saturday, through Burnham & Co., of this city, awarded the contract to W. K. Barger for the erection of a modern apartment house on the site of the old Andrews Hospital, at Tenth and Court Streets.

The building is to be started as soon as the site can be removed, and the contract involves about \$50,000.

The building is to be three stories high, and in addition to large apartments for Drs. Terrell and Lyle, four bachelor apartments, each with a bathroom, and a dining-room, parlor and two bed chambers, while each apartment will have a separate porch.

The building will be handsomely designed in the interior, the entire structure being practically fireproof, and as modern as a building can be.

### BOYS PLANNED TO ESCAPE.

Got Supply of Cayenne Pepper to Throw in

Portsmouth, Va., March 3.—Eddie Kasper, a twelve-year-old boy from this city, and two other inmates, one from Berkeley and the other from Norfolk County, were taken to the Reformatory at Laurel on Saturday morning by a guard from the station, who arrived in the city for the first time.

During their confinement in the City Jail yesterday the boys discussed ways and means of making their escape from the guard after leaving the city. They enlisted the assistance of one of the trustees at the jail to go out and purchase for them three pounds of cayenne pepper, telling the trustee that they desired the pepper to season their food. After the pepper was supplied them their conversation concerning what they intended to do with it was overheard and reported to Jailor Ridd.

The boys intended throwing the pepper into the eyes of the guard whenever they were nipped in the bud, however, and Jailor Ridd demanded of them that they should be taken out of the jail this morning.

Before they left the jail this morning, the boys were threatened with the loss of their money, which they had intended dashing the pepper in the guard's eyes as they were transferring from the steamer to the train at Newport News.

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### APPOINTED ON BOARD.

George R. B. Michie Is Named to Succeed Dr. W. M. Randolph.

Charlottesville, Va., March 3.—George R. B. Michie has been appointed by Governor Mann as the local member of the board of visitors of the University of Virginia to succeed Dr. William M. Randolph, who recently resigned with a view of shortly removing to Arizona, where he has accepted a lucrative position.

The appointment of Mr. Michie gives great satisfaction here, where his ability is recognized. He is the head of the Michie Company, one of the largest law publishing houses in this country, vice-president of the People's National Bank and interested in a number of other business enterprises in this city.

### STANTON MAN HONORED.

A. C. Gordon Will Be Guest of Thomas Nelson Page.

Staunton, Va., March 3.—Armistead C. Gordon, who is a member of the national reception committee to receive President-elect Wilson in Washington, will be the guest of the chairman of the committee, Dr. Thomas Nelson Page, at his residence, corner R Street and New Hampshire Avenue, during the inauguration. Dr. Page will have a house party on the occasion composed of a number of distinguished guests.

### PLANS FOR NEW DORMITORY.

Accommodations for Hundred and Twenty-five More Students at Episcopal College.

Lynchburg, Va., March 3.—Local architects are engaged in the preparation of plans for an additional dormitory for the Episcopal College in Amherst County, which accommodations will be provided for 125 more students, which will double the capacity of the institution.

The building is to be about 100x120 feet, containing three stories, with all modern improvements, and it is designed to cost \$20,000. Appropriation for this work was made a year ago by the State Legislature, while each apartment will have a separate porch.

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